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Portraits from the heart

A traveling exhibit of photos of the people and families served by state social service programs opens in Everett on Tuesday.

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EVERETT - Trudy Wise hopes you'll do more than momentarily glance at the portrait of her family.

She hopes you read the message behind the smiling faces in the photo: "What's holding you back?"

People say, "Oh, I can't do it," Wise said. "Why? There is a right home for every child. We just need to have enough homes."

She and her husband, Jay, both of Burlington, have been foster parents for 18 years.

Her family's portrait is included in the The Heart Gallery, a photography exhibit traveling the state. The photos will be on display at Providence Everett Medical Center and Everett Community College starting Tuesday.

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